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NPIC/PEG (1/82)Copy 29**SUBMARINE DELIVERY**
MERS EL KEBIR NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD, ALGERIA

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: THE ALGERIAN NAVY HAS RECEIVED ITS FIRST SUBMARINE.
 2. (S/D) REMARKS: AN R ATTACK SUBMARINE (SS) OF SOVIET ORIGIN HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO MERS EL KEBIR NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD SINCE THIS IS THE FIRST OF TWO SOVIET SS TO BE DELIVERED, AND THE FIRST SUBMARINE EVER IN THE ALGERIAN INVENTORY. THE SUBMARINE IS BERTHED AT THE NORTH MOLE, FORWARD OF A SOVIET SAMARA HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY SHIP (AGS) WHICH PROBABLY ACCOMPANIED THE R SS ON ITS VOYAGE FROM THE BALTIC (NOSIC 291809Z JAN 82, SECRET). A MILITARY CEREMONY AND NAVAL REVIEW (NOT ON GRAPHIC), PROBABLY RELATED TO THE TRANSFER OF THE R SS, IS IN PROGRESS AT THE NAVAL BASE. SEVEN AUTOMOBILES, PROBABLY FOR DIGNITARIES, ARE ON THE MOLE NEAR THE SUBMARINE. AT LEAST 300 PERSONNEL ARE IN COLUMN FORMATION ON THE QUAY NORTH OF THE MOLE. SEVERAL ALGERIAN NAVAL UNITS ARE ANCHORED IN FORMATION OFFSHORE AND INCLUDE THE KONI-CLASS FRIGATE (ALGERIA'S LARGEST SURFACE COMBATANT), TWO NANUCHKA-II GUIDED MISSILE PATROL COMBATANTS (PGG), AND TEN OSA MISSILE ATTACK BOATS (PTG). A VIP LAUNCH IS DEPARTING THE QUAY NEAR THE PERSONNEL COLUMNS, PROBABLY TO REVIEW THE OFFSHORE COMBATANTS.
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